

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 21, 2009, there were 511,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2009, a decrease of 3,300 from February 2009 but 10,900 more than the number employed in March 2008.

Agricultural employment was 38,000 persons in March 2009, down 700 from the February 2009 level but 2,100 more than the March 2008 agricultural employment level of 35,900. Non-agricultural employment was 473,000 persons in March 2009. This is a decrease of 2,600 from the February 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 475,600 but 8,800 more than March 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2009 was 5.2 percent. This is unchanged from February 2009 but 0.8 percentage points higher than the March 2008 level of 4.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,400 to 539,100 persons in March 2009 from 542,500 persons in February 2009. This is 16,100 more than the March 2008 labour force of 523,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 69.4 percent in March 2009 from 69.9 percent in February 2009. The March 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.6 percent.

There were 28,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2009. This is a decrease of 100 from February 2009 but is 5,200 more than the number unemployed in March 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 519,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2009, down 2,700 from the February 2009 level of 522,500 but is up 11,700 from the March 2008 employment level of 508,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2009 was 4.7 percent. This is unchanged from February 2009 but 0.5 percentage points higher than the March 2008 rate of 4.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 39,400 persons in March 2009 to 16,538,800 persons from 16,578,200 persons in February 2009. In March 2008, there were 16,845,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.5 percentage points to 8.8 percent from the February 2009 level of 8.3 percent. In March 2008, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.0 percent in March 2009. This is 0.3 percentage points higher than February 2009 and 1.9 percentage points higher than the March 2008 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>March</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,138.9	18,081.4	18,000.4	57.5	138.5
Employed ('000)	16,538.8	16,578.2	16,845.2	-39.4	-306.4
Full-Time ('000)	13,183.3	13,214.2	13,570.6	-30.9	-387.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,355.5	3,364.1	3,274.6	-8.6	80.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,600.1	1,503.2	1,155.2	96.9	444.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.3	6.4	0.5	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.0	7.7	6.1	0.3	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	66.6	67.2	0.1	-0.5
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	539.1	542.5	523.0	-3.4	16.1
Employed ('000)	511.0	514.3	500.1	-3.3	10.9
Full-Time ('000)	406.2	407.1	403.8	-0.9	2.4
Part-Time ('000)	104.8	107.3	96.2	-2.5	8.6
Unemployed ('000)	28.1	28.2	22.9	-0.1	5.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.2	4.4	0.0	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	4.7	4.2	0.0	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.9	68.6	-0.5	0.8
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,095.9	2,101.3	2,054.6	-5.4	41.3
Employed ('000)	1,967.6	1,978.0	1,987.6	-10.4	-20.0
Full-Time ('000)	1,594.9	1,605.6	1,657.3	-10.7	-62.4
Part-Time ('000)	372.6	372.4	330.3	0.2	42.3
Unemployed ('000)	128.3	123.3	67.0	5.0	61.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.9	3.3	0.2	2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.4	3.4	0.4	2.4
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	74.1	73.9	-0.3	-0.1
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	626.5	632.5	622.6	-6.0	3.9
Employed ('000)	592.8	599.0	594.2	-6.2	-1.4
Full-Time ('000)	480.0	479.9	477.5	0.1	2.5
Part-Time ('000)	112.8	119.2	116.7	-6.4	-3.9
Unemployed ('000)	33.7	33.4	28.5	0.3	5.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.3	4.6	0.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	4.8	4.4	0.3	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	69.0	68.7	-0.8	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	539.1	542.5	523.0	-3.4	16.1
Male	286.7	287.1	279.9	-0.4	6.8
Female	252.4	255.4	243.1	-3.0	9.3
15-24 Years of Age	95.0	96.6	93.9	-1.6	1.1
25+ Years of age	444.1	445.9	429.1	-1.8	15.0
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	511.0	514.3	500.1	-3.3	10.9
Male	268.6	268.9	266.6	-0.3	2.0
Female	242.4	245.4	233.5	-3.0	8.9
15-24 Years of Age	84.2	86.1	86.8	-1.9	-2.6
25+ Years of age	426.8	428.2	413.3	-1.4	13.5
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	28.1	28.2	22.9	-0.1	5.2
Male	18.1	18.1	13.3	0.0	4.8
Female	10.1	10.1	9.6	0.0	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	10.8	10.6	7.1	0.2	3.7
25+ Years of age	17.4	17.6	15.8	-0.2	1.6
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.2	5.2	4.4	0.0	0.8
Male	6.3	6.3	4.8	0.0	1.5
Female	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	11.4	11.0	7.6	0.4	3.8
25+ Years of age	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	0.2
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.4	69.9	68.6	-0.5	0.8
Male	74.9	75.1	74.4	-0.2	0.5
Female	64.1	65.0	62.9	-0.9	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	68.1	69.2	67.5	-1.1	0.6
25+ Years of age	69.8	70.1	68.9	-0.3	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	<u>March</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	38.0	38.7	35.9	-0.7	2.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.3	25.3	25.0	-2.0	-1.7
Utilities	4.9	4.8	5.1	0.1	-0.2
Construction	33.5	34.3	32.0	-0.8	1.5
Manufacturing	30.5	30.6	29.8	-0.1	0.7
Trade	81.6	83.2	84.5	-1.6	-2.9
Transportation and Warehousing	23.9	24.3	25.0	-0.4	-1.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.0	29.9	28.2	0.1	1.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.6	21.2	21.4	-0.6	-0.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.8	10.9	11.1	-0.1	-0.3
Educational Services	41.8	41.5	40.1	0.3	1.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	65.2	64.4	61.7	0.8	3.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.4	20.0	19.6	0.4	0.8
Accommodation and Food Services	32.4	31.4	30.9	1.0	1.5
Other Services	23.9	23.6	22.2	0.3	1.7
Public Administration	30.1	30.3	27.7	-0.2	2.4
Total	511.0	514.3	500.1	-3.3	10.9
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	406.2	407.1	403.8	-0.9	2.4
Part-Time	104.8	107.3	96.2	-2.5	8.6
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	414.6	420.1	411.6	-5.5	3.0
Public Sector	132.9	133.3	126.2	-0.4	6.7
Private Sector	281.7	286.8	285.3	-5.1	-3.6
Self-Employed	96.4	94.3	88.5	2.1	7.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>March</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,538.8	16,578.2	16,845.2	-39.4	-306.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	203.9	200.2	207.3	3.7	-3.4
Prince Edward Island	64.4	64.1	66.8	0.3	-2.4
Nova Scotia	438.7	441.0	436.1	-2.3	2.6
New Brunswick	350.2	351.4	352.0	-1.2	-1.8
Quebec	3,753.3	3,751.0	3,809.5	2.3	-56.2
Ontario	6,435.0	6,452.3	6,586.4	-17.3	-151.4
Manitoba	592.8	599.0	594.2	-6.2	-1.4
Saskatchewan	511.0	514.3	500.1	-3.3	10.9
Alberta	1,967.6	1,978.0	1,987.6	-10.4	-20.0
British Columbia	2,221.9	2,226.9	2,305.3	-5.0	-83.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.8	8.3	6.4	0.5	2.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.1	17.7	14.4	-0.6	2.7
Prince Edward Island	14.0	15.4	12.6	-1.4	1.4
Nova Scotia	10.3	9.9	8.8	0.4	1.5
New Brunswick	10.9	9.7	9.4	1.2	1.5
Quebec	9.7	9.0	8.0	0.7	1.7
Ontario	9.5	8.9	6.8	0.6	2.7
Manitoba	5.4	5.3	4.6	0.1	0.8
Saskatchewan	5.2	5.2	4.4	0.0	0.8
Alberta	6.1	5.9	3.3	0.2	2.8
British Columbia	7.7	7.2	4.2	0.5	3.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Jan-Mar</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Dec-Feb</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	8.0	7.5	8.7	0.5	-0.7
Halifax	6.2	5.9	5.1	0.3	1.1
Saint John	6.3	5.7	6.0	0.6	0.3
Quebec	5.2	4.8	6.0	0.4	-0.8
Montreal	9.3	8.5	7.7	0.8	1.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.1	4.5	4.5	0.6	0.6
Greater Sudbury	8.0	6.9	5.8	1.1	2.2
Toronto	8.9	8.1	6.4	0.8	2.5
Winnipeg	5.1	4.7	4.2	0.4	0.9
Regina	4.0	3.5	4.4	0.5	-0.4
Saskatoon	5.1	4.6	3.6	0.5	1.5
Calgary	5.8	5.0	3.1	0.8	2.7
Edmonton	5.0	4.5	3.8	0.5	1.2
Vancouver	6.3	5.6	3.8	0.7	2.5
Victoria	5.5	4.9	3.2	0.6	2.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.2	155.6	151.9	-0.4	3.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.8	53.0	51.1	-0.2	1.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	167.6	168.7	161.9	-1.1	5.7
Yorkton-Melville	38.7	38.6	39.8	0.1	-1.1
Prince Albert & Northern	98.4	98.4	93.8	0.0	4.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jan-Mar 2009	Dec-Feb 2009	Jan-Mar 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	538.5	537.6	521.1	0.9	17.4
Employed ('000)	511.2	512.6	497.8	-1.4	13.4
Unemployed ('000)	27.3	25.1	23.2	2.2	4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.7	4.5	0.4	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.4	68.5	0.0	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	65.9	66.2	65.4	-0.3	0.5
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	498.2	496.8	482.4	1.4	15.8
Employed ('000)	475.6	476.0	464.8	-0.4	10.8
Unemployed ('000)	22.6	20.8	17.6	1.8	5.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.2	3.6	0.3	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.7	68.9	0.1	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	66.8	66.4	-0.1	0.3
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	40.3	40.9	38.7	-0.6	1.6
Employed ('000)	35.6	36.6	33.0	-1.0	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.7	4.2	5.6	0.5	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	10.4	14.6	1.3	-2.9
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	65.9	63.7	-1.1	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	59.0	54.4	-1.7	2.9
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	17.5	17.7	15.5	-0.2	2.0
Employed ('000)	15.1	15.4	12.2	-0.3	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.4	3.3	0.0	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.5	13.3	21.2	0.2	-7.7
Participation Rate (%)	62.3	63.3	56.3	-1.0	6.0
Employment Rate (%)	53.9	54.9	44.4	-1.0	9.5
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.7	23.0	23.1	-0.3	-0.4
Employed ('000)	20.4	21.1	20.7	-0.7	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.3	1.9	2.4	0.4	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	8.1	10.3	2.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	67.9	69.8	-1.1	-3.0
Employment Rate (%)	59.9	62.4	62.6	-2.5	-2.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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